

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That subsections (a), (b) and (c) of Section 111 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Calvert County (1963 Edition, being Article 5 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Calvert County," subtitle "Circuit Court"; subsections (a), (b) and (c) of Section 32 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Charles County (1959 Edition, being Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Charles County," subtitle "Circuit Court"; that subsections (a), (b) and (c) of Section 12-10 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1963 Edition, being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Prince George's County," subtitle "Circuit Court" and Section 45A of Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "St. Mary's County," subtitle "Circuit Court," be and they are hereby repealed and that new subsections (a), (b) and (c) of Section 111 of said Calvert County Code, being also subsections (a), (b) and (c) of Section 32 of the said Charles County Code, being also subsections (a), (b) and (c) of Section 12-10 in the said Prince George's County Code and being also Section 45A of said Article 19 of the said Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, be and they are hereby enacted in lieu thereof and all to read as follows:

Section 12-10 Court Reporters

(a) The Judges of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Maryland shall appoint one or more official court reporters for the circuit courts of Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, and St. Mary's Counties, respectively. These reporters each shall be expert stenographers or otherwise competent to record court proceedings. Each shall hold office during the pleasure of the judges of said respective courts. The court reporters or stenographers in Prince George's County shall be paid a per diem or annual salary to be fixed [by the court not to exceed \$40.00 for each and every day of actual service;] *by the county governing body after consultation with the County Administrative Judge;* and the court stenographers for Calvert and St. Mary's Counties shall be paid a per diem or annual salary to be fixed by the [court not to exceed \$40.00 for each and every day of actual service.] *County Commissioners after consultation with the County Administrative Judge.* Each such court stenographer or reporter shall be paid such expenses as may be approved by the court payable by the County Treasurer or similar officer of the county in the circuit court of which such services shall have been rendered, as a part of the court's expenses, upon the presentation of a certificate of the clerk or any of the judges of said courts showing attendance and services of said reporter. However, in Calvert and St. Mary's Counties the court reporter or stenographer [shall] *may* be paid mileage at the rate of ten cents per mile for all necessary travel between his home and the place of executing his duties as such [;] . [and the court reporters or stenographers in Calvert and St. Mary's Counties after having served at least two years in such position shall be granted two weeks vacation with pay which shall be computed from the weekly average of per diem compensation during the year.]

(b) Said reporters shall attend and take full stenographic notes of, or otherwise record, all oral testimony and judicial opinions in all proceedings in said courts at such times and in such cases as the respective courts may direct. Said reporters shall make and furnish